

Using Dictionaries and Glossaries

en-join (ĕn-join') ▶ v. **1.** To direct or impose with authority and emphasis. **2.** To forbid. See **Syns** at **forbid**. [*< Lat. inungere < ungere, join.*] —**en-join'ment** n.

en-joy (ĕn-join') ▶ v. **1.** To receive pleasure or satisfaction from. **2.** To have the use or benefit of: *enjoys good health*. [*< OFr. enjoir.*] —**en-joy'a-ble** adj. —**en-joy'a-bly** adv. —**en-joy'ment** n.

en-large (ĕn-lāj') ▶ v. **-larged, -larg-ing** **1.** To make or become larger. **2.** To give greater scope to; expand. **3.** To speak or write at greater length or in greater detail; elaborate. —**en-large'ment** n. —**en-larg'er** n.

en-light-en (ĕn-lit'n) ▶ v. **1.** To give spiritual or intellectual insight to. **2.** To inform or instruct. —**en-light'en-ment** n.

en-list (ĕn-list') ▶ v. **1.** To engage (a person) for service in the armed forces. **2.** To engage the support or cooperation of. **3.** To enter the armed forces. —**en-list'ment** n.

en-liv-en (ĕn-liv'n) ▶ v. To make lively or spirited; animate. —**en-liv'en-ment** n.

en masse (ĕn mās') ▶ adv. In one group or body; all together. [Fr.]

en-mesh (ĕn-mēsh') also **im-mesh** (im-) ▶ v. To entangle, involve, or catch in or as if in a mesh. See **Syns** at **catch**.

en-mi-ty (ĕn-mī-tē) ▶ n., pl. **-ties**. Deep-seated, often mutual hatred. [*< Lat. inimicus, enemy.*]

en-no-ble (ĕn-nō-bəl) ▶ v. **-bled, -bling** **1.** To make noble. **2.** To confer nobility upon. —**en-no-ble-ment** n.

en-nui (ĕn-wē', ĕn-wē) ▶ n. Listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest; boredom. [*< OFr. enui < ennuyer, annoy.*]

en-noi-o-gy also **oe-noi-o-gy** (ē-nōi'ō-jē) ▶ n. The study of wine and winemaking. [Gk. *oînos*, wine + *-LOGY*.] —**e-noi'o-gist** n.

e-nor-mi-ty (ē-nōr'mī-tē) ▶ n., pl. **-ties** **1.** Excessive wickedness or outrageousness. **2.** A monstrous offense or evil; outrage. **3.** Informal Great size; immensity.

e-nor-mous (ē-nōr'mas) ▶ adj. Very great in size, extent, number, or degree. [*< Lat. enormis.*] —**e-nor'mous-ly** adv. —**e-nor'mous-ness** n.

e-nough (ē-nūf') ▶ adj. Sufficient to meet a need or satisfy a desire; adequate. See **Syns** at **sufficient**. ▶ *pron.* An adequate quantity. ▶ *adv.* **1.** To a satisfactory amount or degree. **2.** Very; quite: *glad enough to leave*. **3.** Tolerably; rather: *She sang well enough*. ▶ *interj.* Used to express impatience or exasperation. [*< OE. genōg.*]

en-quire (ĕn-kwīr') ▶ v. Var. of **inquire**. —**en-quir'er** n. —**en-quir'y** n.

en-rage (ĕn-rāj') ▶ v. **-raged, -rag-ing**. To put into a rage; infuriate.

en-rap-ture (ĕn-rāp'chər) ▶ v. **-tured, -tur-ing**. To fill with rapture or delight.

Syns: enrapture, entrance, ravish, thrill, transport v.

en-rich (ĕn-rich') ▶ v. **1.** To make rich or richer. **2.** To make fuller, more meaningful, or more rewarding. **3.** To add nutrients to. **4.** To add to the beauty or character of; adorn. —**en-rich'ment** n.

en-roll also **en-rol** (ĕn-rōl') ▶ v. **-rolled, -roll-ing**. To enter or register in a roll, list, or record. —**en-roll'ment**, **en-rol'ment** n.

en route (ĕn rōtē', ĕn) ▶ *adv. & adj.* On or along the way. [Fr.]

ENS or **Ens.** ▶ *abbr.* ensign

en-sconce (ĕn-skōns') ▶ v. **-sconced, -sconcing** **1.** To settle securely or comfortably. **2.** To place or conceal in a secure place. [EN- + *sconce*, small fort.]

en-sem-ble (ĕn-sēm'bol) ▶ n. **1.** A unit or group of complementary parts that contribute to a single effect. **2.** A coordinated outfit or costume. **3.** A group of musicians, singers, dancers, or actors who perform together. **4.** *Mus.* A work for two or more vocalists or instrumentalists. [*< L.Lat. simul, at the same time.*]

en-shrine (ĕn-shrīn') ▶ v. **-shrined, -shrining** **1.** To enclose in or as if in a shrine. **2.** To cherish as sacred. —**en-shrine'ment** n.

en-shroud (ĕn-shroud') ▶ v. To cover with or as if with a shroud.

en-sign (ĕn'sān, -sīn') ▶ n. **1.** A standard or banner, as of a military unit. **2.** (ĕn'sān) The lowest commissioned rank in the US Navy or Coast Guard. **3.** A badge of office or power; emblem. [*< Lat. insignis, insignia.*]

en-si-lage (ĕn'sī-lāj') ▶ n. The process of storing and fermenting green fodder in a silo. —**en-sil-age** n.

en-sile (ĕn-sīl') ▶ v. **-siled, -siling**. To store (fodder) in a silo. [*< Sp. ensilar.*]

en-slave (ĕn-slāv') ▶ v. **-slaved, -slav-ing**. To make into or as if into a slave. —**en-slave'ment** n. —**en-slav'er** n.

en-snare (ĕn-snar') ▶ v. **-snared, -snar-ing**. To catch in or as if in a snare. See **Syns** at **catch**. —**en-snare'ment** n. —**en-snar'er** n.

en-sue (ĕn-sūb') ▶ v. **-sued, -su-ing** **1.** To follow as a result. **2.** To take place subsequently. [*< Lat. subsequi, follow.*]

en-sure (ĕn-shūr') ▶ v. **-sured, -sur-ing**. To make sure or certain; insure. See **Usage Note** at **assure**.

-ent ▶ *suffix* **1a.** Performing, promoting, or causing a specified action: *absorbent*. **b.** Being in a specified state or condition: *different*. **2.** One that performs, promotes, or causes a specified action: *resident*. [*< Lat. -ens, -ent-, present participle suffix.*]

en-tab-la-ture (ĕn-tāb'lə-čōb'r') ▶ n. The horizontal upper section of a classical building, resting on the columns. [Obsolete Fr. < Ital. *intavolatura*.]

en-tail (ĕn-tāī', tā-) ▶ v. **1.** To have, impose, or require as a necessary accompaniment or consequence. **2.** To limit the inheritance of (property) to a specified succession of heirs. [ME *entailen*, limit inheritance to specific heirs.] —**en-tail'ment** n.

en-tan-gle (ĕn-tāng'gal) ▶ v. **-gled, -gling** **1.** To twist together into a confusing mass; snarl. **2.** To complicate; confuse. **3.** To involve in or as if in a tangle. See **Syns** at **catch**. —**en-tan-gle'ment** n.

en-tente (ĕn-tēt') ▶ n. **1.** An agreement between two or more governments or powers for cooperative action or policy. **2.** The parties to such an agreement. [Fr.]

en-ter (ĕn'tər) ▶ v. **1.** To come or go into. **2.** To penetrate; pierce. **3.** To insert. **4.** To become or cause to become a participant, member, or part of; join or enroll. **5.** To embark on; begin. **6.** To